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## **Chief Executive's Office**

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## **Dear Pharmacist**

I am writing to seek your participation in a local enhanced influenza vaccination service, targeting a cohort of public sector workers who are not eligible for vaccination under the NHS scheme.

The detail of the scheme is in the attached service specification. If you wish to take part, please complete the Expression of Interest form on page 8 and return by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (instructions for returning are detailed within the document).

We're really concerned that a combination of high levels of circulating COVID-19 and the potential for high rates of influenza this winter will bring a twofold challenge – firstly in terms of severity of illness if individuals have concomitant infection and secondly in terms of business continuity for essential public services – either due to sickness or caring responsibilities.

I do hope you feel able to support us, and I am grateful for the support of Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire – who will provide administrative support using systems you are all familiar with to reduce the burden on yourselves and your teams.

If you have any questions about the scheme, please do feel free to email me <a href="mailto:deborah.harkins@calderdale.gov.uk">deborah.harkins@calderdale.gov.uk</a>.
ours sincerely

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